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The Hon Bernard Grandmaitre
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Dear Mr. Grandmaitre,

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 April 1988.

I am glad to see you share a general concern for people with environmental sensitivity. I wish Ms Caplan would clearly state she does. However, as even a cursory reading of my letter would show, I was not writing to express "concern that some individuals face a reduction in their quality of life due to this problem". Your lack of comprehension of the issue at hand echo's a similar lack of competence amply demonstrated by staff of the Minister of Health.

While I am concerned about the fact that one group in Ontario is causing others to become disabled (by polluting the environment), that, in itself, may not be reason to say your government has broken its social contract. Everyone has some problem to deal with, ~~but~~ and even the fact that this assault on me and my pals is sanctioned by your government does not distinguish us from several other similarly affected groups in the province.

The reason I have decided to ignore several selected Ontario laws, (in your pervue those relating to taxation), is <u>not</u> that your government condones this assault, but something else entirely. What continues to be a serious problem, both for me and many others diagonosed with ES, is the fact that the Ontario government repeatedly said we were <u>imagining</u> the fact of being disabled by pollution.

As a result of the ensuing public bigotry directed at us, people lost their families, their homes, their jobs, their professional reputations; they did not receive deserved disablity pensions; they were not given "reasonable accommodation" in the workplace. Some died; several committed suicide.

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In approaching the Ministry of Health, I have been lied to by ministerial assistants, and I have documented a number of instances where Ministry officials have given witnessed statements to the effect that people with environmental sensitivity were imagining their problem, in cases where that opinion seriously and negatively affected people living in the province.

The one agency which should have helped, the Ministry of Health, actively fostered public intolerance of people with this condition, causing millions of dollars damage to us, ruining thousands of lives, and contributing to several suicides.

Despite letters of sympathy from the Premier, my member, the Minister of the Environment, and others, the Minister of Health has refused to discuss the matter with me.

I'm sure you know how it goes: I will accept taxation when I have democratic (and fair) representation. When the province of Ontario makes good on its debt, I will be glad to reconsider the legitimacy of both your government and its laws.

Until then, you may consider your government and myself to be literally at war. I do not recognize it as legitimate.

Thank you,

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Chris Brown
proprietor

P.S. (I repeat, the matter under discussion is damages caused to the environmentally sensitive by irresponsible comments from Ministry of Health spokespersons, and not damages caused by the condition itself.)

cc Murray Elston, (who, while Health Minister, clearly abused democratic process)
Richard Patten, MPP
David Reville, MPP, NDP Health Critic